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## Poetry.

## Selected Tale.

## ON THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

I wot again a flower in life's bright morn,  
The solace, and the hope, and ay, the pride  
Of its fond blessing son;—that flower was torn  
By a rude tempest from its parent's side.

That rosy child, where now its living bloom?

I trod his father's hall, and used to hear

His little step light tripping in a glee;

And now I hear it not;—but lo, a tear

In that eye so gladsome wont to be.

Death hath shed shadow on its dearest joy,

Borne to the silent world that panting hoy;

Yet can it be that he no more shall come?

See, here are all his pastime toys arranged,

As though this moment he had left his home,

The recreative, for the school-hour changed;

There stands his kits against the chamber wall,

There hangs his garden hat, there lies his ball,

And here, with scientific skill displayed,

His tiny cabinet is open to view;

Would he have left the little door unlosed,

Were we to sejourn a long year or two?

Ah! now upon the dusty shelves I see

The sad solution:—Death! Eternity!

And where is Ids?—Answer, ye sweet flowers,

Here clustering in the path she led to tread;

Off from her hand ye drink the mimic showers;

Now whither hath the gentle bairns fled?

Fair stream, along whose margin oft she strayed,

Where wandas now the lovely, lonely maid?

The lover's bosom heaves the frequent sigh,

The hearts of dear companions duly weep,

The varying seasons drearily weep,

Yet Ids seems in some enchanted sleep,

Sweet maiden, why so long in slumber bound?

Al! mark you the tufty ground!

My struggling pulse beats high,

Oppressive visions draw my weary sense;

Absorbed in my much grief, I cannot sigh,

Nor vent the agony, that too intense

To flow in liquid anguish, death corrode,

And carker when'thath the sealed shade,

Then hush, my lyre—my mournful muse, aye!

Day breaks and calls me to its tulipine dñe,

Again farewell, ye cherished! But for you,

Spirits of all my deat!—too deep within

My soul's shut sanctuary ye abide,

To be submerged in life's oblivious tide,

## SUNSET AFTER A SHOWER.

Over the hill tops, fold upon fold,

Liks bloodstained banners within the sky,

Braided with crimson, and fringed with gold,

In a sea of amber the spent clouds lie.

Down in the valley the slumb'rous trees

Droop, heavily jewelled with fallen rain;

And a spicy scented, tremulous breeze

In rippled crosses the bending grain.

The winding river like silver gleams

Through dreamy wastes that melt and fade;

And the sunlight, falling in slanting beams,

Strikes deep in the heart of the forest's shade.

On distant uplands the lonely pine

Is ringed with purple and bound with fire;

The stones in the churchyard glance and shine;

And the weather-vane is a gilded wire.

The tapering cedar, like a spear,

Shoots out of the cliff, where stands re-

veded;

The rocky ledge; and the herd appear

Like spots of color within the field.

And the braided banners of clouds are seen

To fierce burn, as with sudden flame;

While the vale below and the hills between

Are drowned in a yellow mist of flame.

And the farmer's boy, all aglow with light,

Looks over the cliff where the cedar grow,

And shades with his hand, dazzled sight,

And calls to his comrades down below.

Then the brason woodlands echo and ring,

And the earth and sky seem to shout with him:

A peary arch is the hawk's fleet wing;

And the sweltering landscape seems to swim.

On yonder hillside a cottage shines—

The window westward flashes and glows—

It nestles amid its shelter vines

Of glistening ivy like a rose.

And there in the porch two lovers woo—

Her slender figure his arms entwined;

While the doves in the dove-cote coo;

And the cock, and the weather-vane to crow.

THE MOUNTAINS OF LIFE.

BY JAMES G. CLARK.

There's a land far away mid the stars, we are told,

Where they know not the sorrows of time;

Where the pure water wander thro' valleys of gold,

And life is a treasure sublime;

'Tis the land of our God, 'tis the home of the soul,

Where ages of splendor endlessly roll—

Where the way-wearied traveller reaches his goal.

On the evergreen mountains of life,

Our gaze cannot soar to that beautiful land,

But our vision have told of its bliss,

And our souls by the gale from its gardens are fain'd.

When we faint in the deserts of this,

And we sometimes have longed for its holy re-

pose,

When our spirits were torn with temptations and woes,

And we've drunk of the tide of the river that flows,

From the evergreen mountains of life.

O! the stars never treads the blue heavens at night,

But we think where the ransomed have trod,

And the day never smiles from his palace of light.

But we feel the bright smile of our God.

We are traveling homeward, thro' changes and gloom,

And our guide is the glory that shines through the tomb,

From the evergreen mountains of life.

## EXCELLENCE OF CHRIST.

He is a path, if any mislead;

If any chance to hunger, he is bread;

If any be a bondman, he is free;

If any be but weak, how strong is he!

NEWPORT, R. I., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1863.

## Words with New Definitions.

BY WILSON FLAGG.

candlesticks in the study, only they are plated; for I would not deceive you, sir, on any account.'

'You had better not,' observed the burglar grimly, or it will be the worse for you.' He produced a key like that used by my husband, and approached the iron safe; but as he did so his guilty ear caught the sound of a foot step on the staircase.—'Who's that?' cried he.

'My husband, sir,' said I; 'but pray don't hurt him—pray don't.'

'He is not gone to town, then?' cried the ruffian, with an oath of bitter disappointment.

'He is going at twelve o'clock,' replied I. 'He is indeed.'

'If you tell him,' said the burglar harshly, 'if you breathe but one word of my presence here, it will be the death doom of you both; and in an instant he had slipped into the alcove and drawn the head back again into its place. My husband entered immediately afterwards, and even while he was in the room, I heard the awful threat repeated once again through the thick curtain behind me—'if you but whisper it, woman, I will kill you where you lie. Will you swear not to tell him?'

'I will,' said I solemnly, 'I promise not to open my lips about the matter.'

My Uncle Frank leaned over the pillow to kiss me, and observed how terrified I looked. 'You have been frightening yourself about robbers again, I suppose,'

'Not I Frank,' returned I as cheerfully as I could; 'I have only a little headache; but I said with my fingers, so that he could plainly read it in the firelight, that great room all by myself, when he would be away; for I was a dreadful coward.'

Dickey, and not like you, who go to sleep in the dark like a brave boy, and never want a nurse maid to sit in your room. It was a little after eleven o'clock when I got into bed, but I did not feel the least inclined to sleep even then; I knew that Uncle Frank would be coming to wish me good bye presently, and besides there seemed to be all sorts of noises in the room, which Jack-the-Giant-killer took, that are to be seen there, as you say; but upon the long journey you Uncle Frank had to take that night, and how dreary the days would seem until he returned; and in particular how lonely I should feel in that great room all by myself, when he would be away; for I was a dreadful coward.

Impatience. A state of the mind to which a thousand evils are attributed, which truly flow from false knowledge, or a belief in false principles and false facts.

Imagination. Extravagance and want of distinctness in one's conceptions. A literary work is said to display a fine imagination, when its imagery is confused and extravagant, its language indefinite, and its plot tangled and obscure.

Imitation. A faculty, which serves as a very good substitute for reason and judgment in the common conduct of life.

Illusions. Errors of imagination; as Delusions are errors of reason.

Impudent. Having no gilding upon one's brass.

Impudence. A faculty kindly bestowed by Providence upon certain individuals, who otherwise for lack of wit must inevitably be trodden under foot;—grievously desired by basiful men.

Impartiality. The mental condition of those utterly ignorant of the subject, and utterly indifferent in regard to the object of the controversy.

Impiety. A want of reverence for the most absurd portions of our neighbor's religion.

Implication. A polite method of communicating gross ideas to refined minds.

Independence of speech. Bluntness of sensibility.

Indignation. That naughty knave or reprobate which means profess to feel when they have not the means or the courage to retaliate upon an offender.

Indiscretions. A term of extenuation, commonly applied to the vices of the fashionable and the righteous.

Inmate Ideas. Ideas excited in our minds by the force of our passions and instinctive emotions.

Infinite. The incomprehensible in all things. All that lies without the circle which bounds our knowledge, and all within the central point upon which that circle is described.

Inferiors. All those who have less wealth than ourselves.

Iniquitiveness. One of the instincts of self defence.

Inisninations. Despicable and cowardly means used for destroying the reputation of the innocent.

Intriguer. A politician who, by praising another's strength, gains the privilege of riding on his back.

Intuition. Those kinds of knowledge obtained by a process which cannot be analyzed.

# The Newport Mercury.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 17, 1863.

**Earl Russell's speech in Scotland before a number of his friends, it is probable, will be the most interesting and important article of the kind received from abroad this week; as it shows the present attitude of Great Britain toward other nations and especially toward the United States; or, as he says, toward "the people of what were the United States, whether they are called Federal or Confederates." The noble Earl appears to have spoken with a much care and precision and to have disclosed the present views of the Ministry as truly at this entertainment of an official character, as he could have done under his responsibility at the head of the Foreign Office. And what seems to be more gratifying to many in this country, the tone and sentiment of the speech are understood to be now more favorable to the claims of the North, than anything of the kind has hitherto been when proceeding from the language or action of the ruling classes in that country.**

Allusion is made to the pride which his countrymen felt a few years ago in the growth and prosperity of the American States, and in the enjoyment by a kindred people of free institutions in so many respects like the English "in what a few years ago were their happy monarchs; but his acceptance of so dangerous and so worthless a gift, is said to depend upon these two conditions; first, that the Mexican people shall be willing to bestow upon him that Franco Mexican Crown; and second, that the crown shall be guaranteed to him after he shall submit to having it put upon his head.—Some may think that it will be a long time before any good evidence that such is the will of the Mexican people, can be obtained. And it is argued, that if he can first secure their consent to his coronation, there will be no further need of guarantee. And that if he cannot secure their consent, a guarantee will be of little use to help him wear the crown. But this may not be exactly the case. The fashion is, that monarchs must be defended by armies against even the most loyal of their subjects. And their subjects must be burdened with intolerable taxation to support the armies as well as the monarchs.

THE Court of Common Pleas, Judge SHERMAN presiding, commenced its October term in this city on Tuesday last. A writ of protection was given to Jas. Wixson, Guliard H. Hathaway, Benjamin F. Winslow and Hiriam A. Crane. The Grand Jury retired to their room at one o'clock and after an absence of about thirty minutes came into Court and presented the following indictments:—

One against John Fines for selling liquor without a license, upon which indictment he was arraigned, pled guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs, which he paid and was discharged.

One against Samuel Brown, a colored boy, about 16 years of age, for stealing money. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Providence Reform School for five years.

One against a colored boy by the name of Thornton Almon, for receiving the money stolen by the boy Brown, knowing it to be stolen. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the Providence county jail for six months.

The case, Fall River Savings Bank vs. Hiriam A. Crane, and Peascott Bank, Fall River, vs. Hiriam A. Crane, were submitted to the Jury, but in each case the Jury were unable to agree.

In the case Thomas P. Newton vs. Thomas Milburne, referred to Seth W. Macy by agreement.

Christopher Schroeder vs. Joseph F. Macomber. Plaintiff submitted to judgment and an

A large number of cases were continued.—

Yesterday was devoted to hearing a report of the Commissioners of the Newport and Fall River Railroad, and the following are the awards made by the Commissioners; all agreeing except to the Bristol Ferry claim, which one decided should be \$4,300.

John Durfee, \$2,000; Richard Borden, \$265; Hannah Chase, \$160; James H. Borden, \$215; Lewis Borden, \$257; Bristol Ferry Farm, \$35; John, \$1,000; William R. Faies, \$300; Sylvester Brown, \$1,000; Amasa Manton, \$460; Elias West, \$454; Dr. Nathaniel H. Green, \$1,100; Ward McAllister, \$1,450; John D. Northam, et al., \$100; Pardon Brown, \$900; Charles Hunter, \$2,500.

THE whole number of officers from this State now in the service of the United States is three hundred and three, who are attached to one regiment of Cavalry, one regiment of Light Artillery, two regiments of Heavy Artillery and three regiments of Infantry. In looking over the Roster we notice the names of the following from Newport county:—

Colonel—Henry T. Sisson.

Lieut. Colone—George W. Tew, Samuel B. Read.

Major—Joseph J. Gould.

Quartermasters—William W. Prouty, John R. Stansbie, Jr.

Captains—John Rogers, George E. Randolph, James Belger, Peter J. Turner, James W. Lyon, Peter H. Gibbs, William R. Lanes, John H. Robinson, Henry B. Landers, James N. Potter.

Fist Lieutenants—Obed H. Gifford, George C. Almy, Charles E. Lawton.

Second Lieutenants—George T. Shook, Henry B. Hammond, Jacob H. Lamb, Fred Chase, Philip S. Chase, James H. Clarke, George R. White, William R. Perry, George F. Turner, William H. Durfee, Jr., John B. Landers, Henry B. Baileman, Ephraim C. Morse, Fuller Dingley.

We notice by records published in the Providence papers, that among those at the West Philadelphia Hospital is SAMUEL WRIGHT, Co. A, 1st R. L. Cavalry. Now Mr. WRIGHT has been at home honorably discharged from the service, more than four months. Still, it appears his name is on the roll of the West Philadelphia Hospital. The question arises, is not this a fraud upon Government? Does not the Surgeon in charge draw a certain sum monthly in the name of SAMUEL WRIGHT? And is not this one more case of thousands, where the names are retained upon the books of the Hospital long after the patient is discharged or returned to duty? We think it is, for we have before noticed such instances.

POLAND will remain an important question in Europe. The evil of injustice, no matter for what plausible pretext it may have been perpetrated, appears to be destined to disturb the repose of nations for an indefinite future.—The illustrious BESKAS uttered a prophecy when he declared that the partition of Poland would cost the generation, then upon the stage of life and mingling in that scheme, no small amount to make a subject of amalgamation. That prophecy is believed to have been fulfilled long ago. And still the evil of that partition may yet be destined to have a more disastrous effect upon Europe. And the policy since pursued has no promise of any better result. The Congress of Vienna which assembled to settle the affairs of Europe after the fall of Napoleon the Great, instead of uniting the Powers, caused that unfortunate people to be still more divided under different sovereigns. To have connected such a people, they should have been at war with a shade of a country. They will not forget their national customs, & seems, as long as a vestige of their nationality can be retained. But in presence as the Congress did, that such division should have a representative government and a national constitution, was only to perpetuate the miseries of a disunited country. And yet even the most reasonable indulgence of the friends of the nation, if found to be some relief it might have been when tried, has not in all instances been extended it seems to the different sections. In the opinion of East BESKAS, as many reported, BESKAS has informed her cause upon Poland under the incense of the Congress of Vienna, by not having fulfilled the conditions of the grant. This opinion makes it appear he has been when tried, has not in all instances been extended it seems to the different sections. 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The concentration of troops at Madison Court House, and the subsequent march up the Rappahannock valley, demonstrated quite clearly that if Lee was continuing his retreat, he was certainly covering it by a most extensive feint, for it then became apparent from the signal station on Thorofare mountain that the rebels were really intending a flank movement on General Meade's right, in a manner similar to that of Stonewall Jackson on General Pope, which, as we all recollect, proved a success. Gen. Meade, it seems, was keenly alive to the enemy's movements, and soon got his army in a condition to fall back this side of the Rappahannock to prevent the rebels from interrupting his long line of communication.

At the same time Kilpatrick was ordered to cross and attack the enemy, two engagements of considerable magnitude resulting, in the first of which we got a little the worst of it.

In the second, however, which the enemy took more earnestly, but which was, in reality, a feint on the part of General Meade, the rebel movements were completely foiled; and for the present, at least, the army of Lee will have to attack Gen. Meade squarely on his front, or retreat in their round about way back to the old line on the Rapidan.

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**Major Gen. Reynolds.**—Major Gen. Reynolds, as Chief of Staff, in place of Gen. Garfield, who vacated the position to assume his seat in Congress. All the division of the army will be commanded by Maj. Gen. Reynolds, to form the 14th corps, wth Gen. Thomas and Granger as commanders.

The three under the former will be commanded by Gen. Baird, Davis and Roseau, and those under the latter by Gen. Wood, Sheridan and Palmer. Gen. Brennan will be Chief of Artillery.

Gen. Rosecrans denies officially to have brought

any charges against Gen. McCook and Crittenden.

It is generally believed these officers will show a much better record than the reports circulating in regard to them warrant.

With the assistance of reinforcements already arrived, we are now in a position to make that, it is hoped, will drive the enemy from our front.

The army is still well supplied with everything but clothing and blankets, the want of which in the unusually cool weather causes some suffering.

All the wounded able to bear removal have been sent North. The casualties in the late battles will not be less than 15,000.

On Thursday the rebels from the opposite side of the river fired into our wagons and ambulances

crossing passing over the Valley Road, wounding two men and killing and wounding several mules. They seem determined on embarrassing our transportation in every possible way.

The forces of Wheeler, after burning a portion of Shiloh, were attacked by Gen. Crook, not that night, but on Wednesday. We killed 120 of the enemy, took 300 prisoners and three pieces of artillery.

The rebels were pursued by our forces in direction of Fayetteville, overtaken, and 300 more prisoners lost by them. At last accounts they were making their way into the interior, closely pursued by our cavalry, which is regarded sufficient to take care of them.

Roddy has crossed the Tennessee with a thousand men. He passed through Larkinsville on the Memphis and Charleston railroad on Thursday, and made off in the direction of Winchester.

On Friday night they drove in our pickets at the tunnel, thence to Cowan. Some damage was done by throwing down stones, but to no great extent, and the obstructions have been removed.

Gen. Hooker sent a force last night to that point, but the rebels did not venture an attack.

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